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1. AS EMBASSY COPENHAGEN (REFTEL C) THOUGHTFULLY CONFIRMS,
PART OF THE SMALLER EC STATES' UNHAPPINESS WITH THE
PARIS SUMMIT COMES FROM THEIR BEING LEFT OUT OF THE KEY
PREPARATIONS AND COORIDOR BARGAINING THAT LED TO COM-
PROMISE AGREEMENTS.

2. HOWEVER, THE GOL REACTION TO THE SUMMIT IS ALSO
COLORED BY PRIME MINISTER THORN'S HIGHLY PERSONAL VIEW
THAT EC INTEGRATION IS A GOOD IN ITSELF, AND THAT ALL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS MUST BE JUDGED IN LIGHT OF THIS

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MAXIMALIST GOAL. AS SENIOR EC FOREIGN MINISTER (IN

TERMS OF SERVICE) AND WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN EUROPEAN STUDENT MOVEMENTS AND EC INSTITUTIONS, THORN ALSO HEADS A GOVERNMENT WHICH REFLECTS POPULAR ATTITUDES OVERWHELMINGLY FAVORABLE TO A UNITED EUROPE. FOR THESE REASONS, THORN IS LITTLE IMPRESSED WHEN THE EC ACHIEVES A PRAGMATIC MATERIAL COMPROMISE - SINCE MANY OF THESE ACCORDS HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THE LUXEMBOURG ECONOMY. WHAT THORN CONSIDERS AS PROGRESS FOR EUROPE IS THE STRENGTHENING OF SUPRANATIONAL EC INSTITUTIONS, AND LITTLE ELSE. BECAUSE OF OWN IDEALIZED VISION OF THE EC, AND LUXEMBOURG'S LIMITED PRACTICAL INTEREST IN MOST OF THE EC'S PATCHWORK SOLUTIONS, THORN IS NOT ALWAYS A RELIABLE JUDGE OF THE VALIDITY OF COMPROMISES ACHIEVED ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE LARGER EC STATES.

3. WE FURTHER AGREE WITH EMBASSY COPENHAGEN (PARA 4 REFTEL C) IN THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS HERE ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE APPRECIABLY AFFECTED BY GOL RESENTMENT OF LARGE POWER LEADERSHIP IN THE EC AND NATO. THE LUXEMBOURGERS ARE SAVING MOST OF THEIR UNHAPPINESS FOR THEIR "INCONSIDERATE" EC PARTNERS ON THIS ISSUE. TARNOFF

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